

News Release

Members of Crookston Composite Squadron - 134 within the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Recognized with Recruitment Award during Recent Conference

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The Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) held their 2011 conference at Breezy Point, Minn., recently. At an awards presentation, the Crookston Composite Squadron - 134 was honored with the Recruiting Award. The award was presented on Saturday, April 9, and eight members of the squadron and their guests were present at the awards ceremony.

Members of the Crookston squadron include several members of the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus community including: Lois Kriegh, a senior from Crookston, Minn., majoring in business management, who serves as the squadron commander; Kenneth Johnson, business instructor, is the leadership officer and character development officer for the group; Kara Bowen, an accounting lecturer in the Business Department serves as testing officer; and students Nongye Lo, a junior from St. Paul, Minn.; and Karl Syverson, a senior from Minneapolis, Minn., are both majoring in business management and involved with aerospace education for the squadron.

The Crookston Composite Squadron is made up of both senior members and cadets. Senior members can be 18 years and older and cadets range in age from 12 to 21 years old. Kriegh has been a part of CAP for more than 8 years. Their mission consists of three parts: aerospace education, emergency services, and the cadet program.

Minnesota Wing is a member of the North Central Region of the Civil Air Patrol, and consists of four groups and 25 squadrons, and some 1200 individual members. All members of the Minnesota Wing are unpaid civilian volunteers. The squadron located in Crookston was originally formed in 1944 but later disbanded. This newly formed squadron received their charter on November 19, 2010. The work of CAP is a part of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary and falls under Homeland Security operations.

If you would like more information on CAP, contact Commander Kriegh at krie0200@umn.edu or visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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